

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Needleman et al.)
) Attorney Docket
Serial No.: 09/386,591) 6221/76429
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Filed: August 31, 1999)
) Art Group:
For: AN IMMUNOLOGICAL PROCESS AND) 1642
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) CONSTRUCTS FOR INCREASING)
) THE HDL CHOLESTEROL)
) CONCENTRATION BY DNA)
) VACCINATION)
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Examiner: J. Anders)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows
prior to examining the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following sentence at page 23, line 27,
after the word "polypeptide".

--In one embodiment, the number of amino
acid residues present in the encoded
immunogenic polypeptide is about equal to
the number of amino acid residues absent
from the HBcAg amino acid residue sequence
between the carboxy-terminal residue
position of the amino-terminal flanking

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